(d) The supervisors and helpers appointed by the Commissioner CMC are authorised to distribute milk and bread in each feeding centre.

(e) Yes.

Extra grant for maintenance of roads in Malnad area

732 SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR (Chitapur)—Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the Gov rnment is providing extra grant as weightage for maintenance of roads in Malnad area ;

(b) if so, what is the quantum of extra grant to be given as weightage for the maintenance of roads in Malnad area ;

(c) whether the conditions of the roads in black cotton tract in Northern Karnataka area and particularly in Gulbarga District is damaged by rains ;

(d) if so, whether the Government provide extra grant for the improvements of such roads in Gulbarga District as in the case of Malnad area ;

(e) whether the Government intend to provide 50% of the mileage grant as weightage for roads in black cotton tract of Gulbarga District ?

SRI S. BANGARAPPA (Minister for Public Works)—

(a) Yes, Extra grants are provided for maintenance of roads of the Categories of State Highway, Major District Roads and Other District Roads in Malnad and Heavy rainfall areas.

(b) in 1978-79 25% of the grants were allotted for ordinary repairs and special repairs on Kilometre basis.

(c) Some of the roads have been damaged.

(d) Extra grants are not being provided for improvements of roads out of maintenance grants. These improvements have to be taken up as and when funds are available in the Budget;

(e) No. However an additional grant of Rs. 725 per k.m. has been allotted during 78-79 for maintenance of Water Bound Macadam roads in Black cotton soil areas.